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TO : Chief, [redacted] Security Division
FROM : [redacted]
SUBJECT: MILLS, Montrell E.
[redacted]

DATE: 4 June 1951

In accordance with instructions, Subject was interviewed at East Lansing, Michigan on 19 February 1951 and limited investigation was conducted on 19 and 20 February 1951 with the following results:

The records of Michigan State College revealed that Subject entered the School of Police Administration as a transfer student from Northeast Junior College and was scheduled to graduate in March 1951 with a Degree of BS in Police Administration. Subject's average for the course was approximately 2.7 of a possible 4.0.

Subject was interviewed [redacted] and the undersigned at East Lansing, Michigan on 19 February 1951. Subject is the quiet type, speaks slowly with a marked Texas drawl, and impressed the interviewers as being very sincere. He is tall and presents a fine appearance. Subject advised that, in the event he were appointed he would prefer an assignment in Texas, but that he was willing to accept employment anywhere. In response to questions, Subject advised that he has never been arrested or in trouble of any sort.

During the interview, Subject exhibited a Certificate of Satisfactory Service from the Army of the United States, dated 7 September 1948 at Camp Stoneman, California. It was indicated that Subject served from 11 March 1945 to 7 September 1948, held the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and was employed as Pilot of Four-Engine Aircraft.

Arthur F. BRANDSTATTER, Head of the Department of Police Administration, Michigan State College, advised that Subject was rated near the top of a group of 10 as to potential investigative material by two professors in the School of Police Administration. BRANDSTATTER knew of nothing derogatory regarding Subject and suggested that more detailed information regarding his ability, etc. be obtained from Professor TURNER.

Ralph TURNER, Instructor, Department of Police Administration, Michigan State College, was interviewed concerning Subject on 20 February 1951. At the outset, TURNER advised that he could offer a very satisfactory recommendation for MILLS. He described Subject

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as being conscientious and therefore one who would have initiative. TURNER feels that Subject can think on his feet and should do well on his own in investigative work. Subject is one who does not require close supervision and with little training should develop into a dependable investigator. TURNER added that, although he is not naive, Subject could so indicate by his manner. In the latter regard, TURNER advised that MILLS had been used on some undercover assignments by one of the police departments in the area. TURNER knew of absolutely nothing derogatory regarding Subject and highly recommended him for the position in question.

Corporal William WARD, Michigan State Police, in Charge of the In-Service Training Program for the School of Police Administration, at Michigan State College, was interviewed concerning Subject on 20 February 1951. WARD also indicated that MILLS had been used in some undercover work by one of the local police departments. WARD described Subject as being slow and deliberate and one who would undoubtedly get the desired information. WARD felt some slight concern, however, about Subject's temper, stating that he was one who spoke with utter frankness. WARD felt that Subject may have some difficulty with people of influence contacted if they were to arouse his temper through their attitude or by causing Subject to wait for a long period of time for an interview. WARD knows of nothing derogatory regarding Subject's character or loyalty, however, and recommended him for the position with the above reservation.

The records of the Lansing, Michigan Police Department and the Bureau of Identification, Michigan State Police, were checked in the name of Subject on 20 February 1951 with negative results.

In accordance with further instructions, Subject was given a security briefing by the undersigned at East Lansing, Michigan on 26 March 1951. This briefing included a reading of the Agency's security regulations by Subject, a detailed instruction regarding the [] organization, [] etc., and the execution of the Secrecy Agreement. The Secrecy Agreement form is attached hereto.

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